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**REP. JACKSON TO PROPOSE SECURITY
FUNDING INCREASE FOR DISTRICT OFFICES**

Today, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. issued the following statement:

"My staff is working on a proposal to restore last week's 5% cut in member budgets, because in this economic climate, we should be providing more services to our constituents - not less. On top of that, I will propose a 10% increase in member budgets for security measures. In some districts, that will mean hiring security personnel for public events. In other areas, that may mean installing surveillance cameras at district offices as a deterrent or improving the locks or the entry systems in district offices. Some will need more resources in order to move their offices to a safer area.

"I do not feel that fear should grip us, but since 9/11 we've secured every federal facility with the exception of our district offices. After the events of last weekend it is clear that our district staffs are vulnerable. Members should have the resources and the latitude to take the appropriate security measures in order to protect themselves and their staffs."

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